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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Fig(s) 8 and 15A. The sheet(s), which includes Fig(s) 8 and 15A, replaces the original sheet(s) including Fig(s) 8 and 15A.

Attachment: 18 Replacement Sheet(s)

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REMARKS

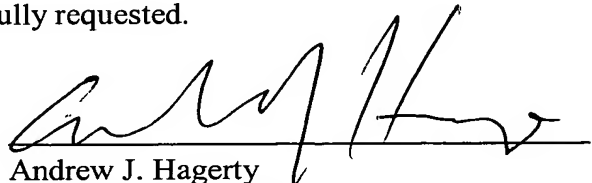
Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application.

There are a number of objections directed to the specification and the drawings due to informalities. Applicant has amended paragraph [0031] to clarify that Figure 15A depicts a prior art NRD waveguide system, and has amended paragraph [0033] to clarify that Figure 16 is associated with Figure 15A instead of Figure 13A. Paragraphs [0040] and [0047] have been amended as suggested by the examiner. Lastly, Applicant has amended paragraph [0056] to clarify what is shown in Figure 14. Figure 8 has been amended in accordance with the examiner's request, and a replacement drawing sheet including Figure 8 is being submitted herewith. The legend "Prior Art" has been added to Figure 15A, and a replacement drawing sheet 16 including the corrected figure is being submitted herewith. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections of record.

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-4 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,590,477. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is attached to overcome the nonstatutory double patenting rejection. The name of the assignee when the application was originally assigned was BERG Technology, Inc. A Recordation Form Cover Sheet identifying the change of name to FCI Americas Technology, Inc. was faxed to the Patent Office's Assignment Recordation Services on May 20, 2005—a copy of the documentation and facsimile confirmation sheet are attached. Since claim 5 depends from independent claim 1, the filing of the terminal disclaimer moots the objection to claim 5.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and confirmation of the same is respectfully requested.

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